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Joshua Brown House  
New Market vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1850-1855

The Joshua Brown House is a two-story frame dwelling with several sections dating from about 1850-1855 and centered on an L-plan section with a wing to the east and a wing to the west. A rear wing incorporating an originally free-standing summer kitchen is apparently a late 19th century alteration. The house has clapboard siding and a corrugated metal roof. Much of its interior has been altered in the mid-20th century, obscuring its plan and finishes. An exterior stone chimney is located on the north end of the rear wing and a change in the roofline indicates this part's probable original separate construction. A second stone chimney is at the west end of the western wing. Joshua Brown purchased the original 221-acre farm in 1852, retaining it until 1878. A building owned by Brown appears on the 1858 and 1873 maps at the site, and at least part of the house was standing during this period. Since 1932, the farm has been owned by the Smith family. Once the center of a working farmstead, the house is now primarily a private residence. A wagon shed/corn crib of the early 20th century is the only contributing outbuilding and the non-contributing outbuildings include a concrete block barn built on the stone foundation of the original bank barn, as well as a garage and an equipment shed.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/garage  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE x\_\_yes \_\_no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joshua Brown House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number 12406 Old National Pike \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town New Market \_\_\_\_\_ x\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 6th

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<u>x</u> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<u>x</u> private residence
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<u>*</u> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<u>x</u> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles R. and Louise E. Smith

street &amp; number 12406 Old National Pike \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD 21771

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ liber 868

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street \_\_\_\_\_ folio 282

city, town Frederick \_\_\_\_\_ state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-5-76

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Joshua Brown House is a two-story frame L-plan house built about 1850-1855 with at least two additions dating from about 1875-1900 located on the north side of the Old National Pike about 1/4 mile east of Jesse Smith Road near New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. Nearby to the west of the house are an early 20th century frame wagon shed/corn crib and a small frame garage with a side shed, also of the early 20th century. The stone foundation of a bank barn has a modern concrete block upper structure, with an adjoining rusticated concrete block milk house and a concrete silo. The barn and another equipment shed are non-contributing structures. The former farmstead, now primarily a private residence, is located at the end of a driveway running north about 100 yards from Old National Pike. The dates of the buildings were estimated from architectural evidence, land records, and historical maps.

The dwelling's principal elevation is on the south, where the L-plan section and one of the additions present an irregular facade with the gable section projecting in the center flanked by one-story porches on the wings. The exterior is covered with clapboard siding except on the north elevation where vinyl siding has been installed. On the north elevation, a 1-1/2 story wing extends from the L-plan section. Structurally, the house is enigmatic, giving the impression of having at least some log structure, but Mr. Charles Smith, the current owner, was unable to confirm that any of the sections contain other than frame wall structure. The L-plan section has no attic and only a small section under the east end of the house has a cellar. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The windows are 6/6 with louvred shutters and wood sills. The L-plan section has an entrance in the inner bay of the east wing with a three-light transom above a modern replacement door. A second entry is in the west wing. The rear wing of the house appears to have been formed by the linking of an originally free-standing summer kitchen to the main structure. The evident change in roofline supports this theory, but the interior of the house has been extensively remodeled, obscuring most of the original features. Chimneys are located near the junction of the rear wing and the L-plan section and at least one simple mantelpiece is still in place in the bedroom now occupying the rear wing. At the north end of the wing is an exterior stone and brick chimney, further supporting the evidence of its being the original kitchen or summer kitchen. At the end of the west wing is another exterior stone and brick chimney. A modern carport has been built out from the house at this location.

The wagon shed/corn crib was probably built in the first quarter of the 20th century. It has horizontal siding on the crib sides and a corrugated metal roof.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1850-1855 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Joshua Brown House is minimally significant in architecture for its exterior evidence of a mid-19th century construction, which is the L-shaped plan of part of the house and two exterior stone and brick chimneys. The angled plan became common in the second half of the 19th century, a variation from the traditional rectangular block with a rear or side wing. The exterior stone chimney was usually found on log buildings in the first half of the 19th century, but the Brown House does not clearly show the possibility of log structure in its sections. Land records indicate that the original 221-acre farm was part of tracts called "Caroline" and "Resurvey on Moab". In 1851, it was involved in an equity settlement and Joshua Brown, of Ann Arundel County, purchased the property in 1852. A structure is shown on the site on both the 1858 and 1873 maps, as well as other nearby buildings, as owned by J. Brown. In 1878, the farm was sold to Louis F. Detrick, under whose ownership the property was probably a tenant farm. Detrick's heir Margaret J. Detrick sold the farm to the current owner's grandfather William C. W. Smith in 1932. Since at least that date, it has been described in the records as "the Brown farm". The existing wagon shed/corn crib is the earliest remaining separate outbuilding; a meathouse located west of the dwelling was demolished in the period since 1969.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-76

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted  
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 1338.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Libertytown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date April 1994street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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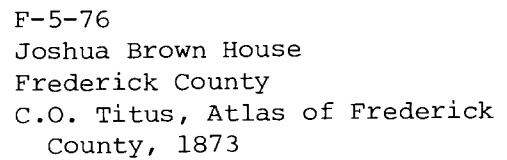
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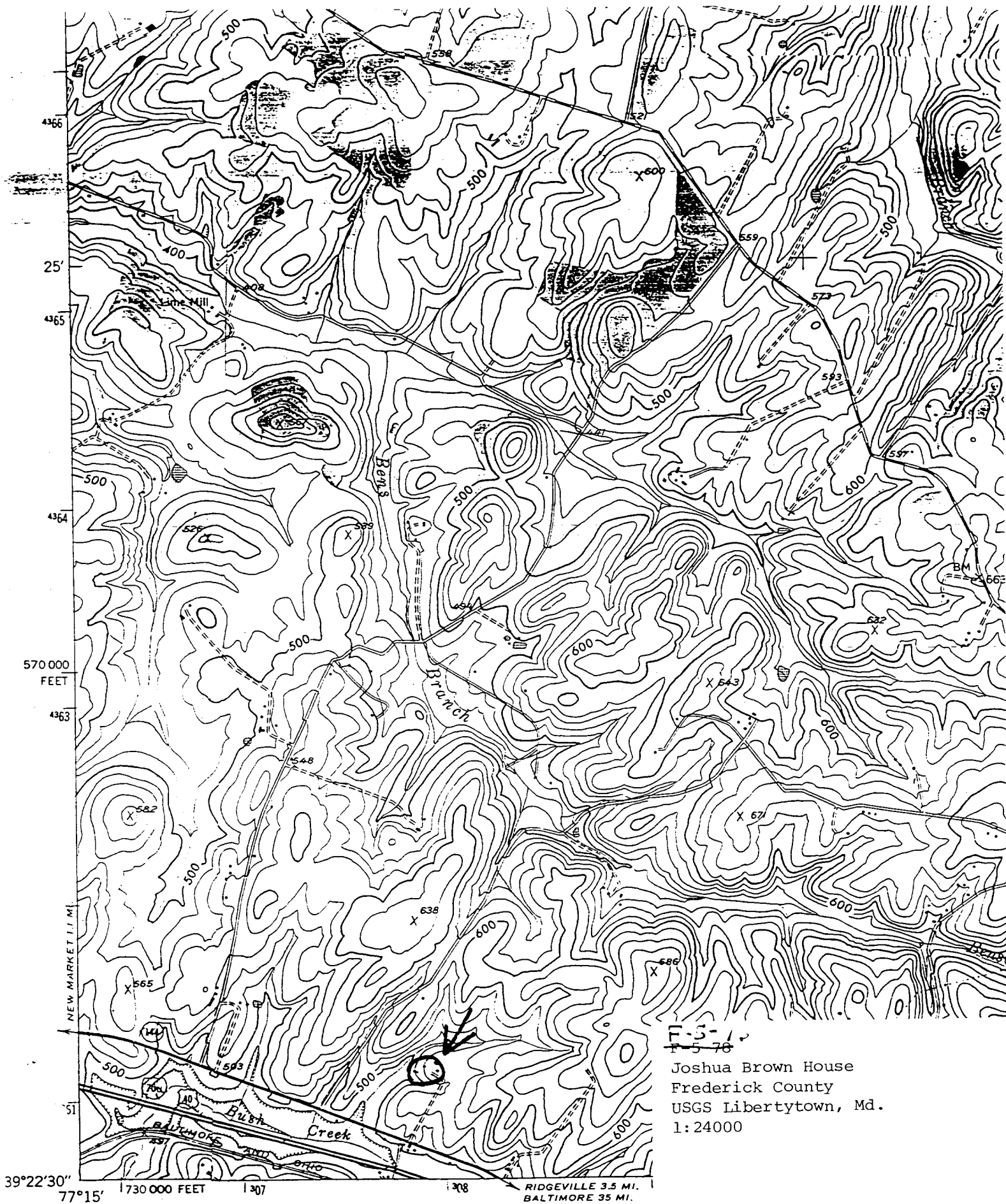
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868/282 13 Jan 72	Charles Ralph & Louise Ellen Smith	Frederick J. Bower	223 A.	
868/281 13 Jan 72	Frederick J. Bower	Charles R. Smith et ux	223 A.	
823/130 24 Nov-69	Charles R. Smith	Clyde Gordon Smith et al exors. of L.W. & T. of Clyde W. Smith		
<u>Mill Book</u> TME 5/525 3 Mar 69	"I give, devise, and bequeath unto my son, Charles Ralph Smith, the option to purchase ... my property known as the "Lower Farm" for \$28,000" 224 A., 33 sq. p. - 28,141 sq. ft. = 223 A.			
399/218 30 Jul 35	Wm. C.W. & Clyde W. Smith (father & son)	H. Kieffer De Lauter	Parcel 1, known as "the Brown Farm" part of "Caroline or Carolina" part of "Resurvey on Moale"	
399/217 30 Jul. 35	H. Kieffer De Lauter	Wm. C.W. Smith		
382/279 1 Apr 32	Wm. C.W. Smith & Ada Smith, wife of Frederick L. Detrick	Marion Douglas known as "The Brown Farm" Detrick, widow 224 A. 33 p. Ada Smith, wife of Frederick L. Detrick		
<u>Mill Book</u> Baltimore City BES 91/99 1902	Frederick L. Detrick & sister, Margaret Detrick	Louis F. Detrick		
TG 10/93 1 May 1878	Louis F. Detrick	Cordelia H. Dorsey, mortgage of Joshua Brown	224 A., 33 p.	
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## Scale 7 1/2 inches to the mile





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 Frederick County  
 USGS Libertytown, Md.  
 1:24000

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Photo: Janet Davis

April 1974

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

View from southwest

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Joshua Brown House

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Northwest corner view

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Wagon shed/corn crib. South elevation

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